

## ABSTRACT

To provide an accumulating device 71 that is capable of securely accumulating sheets or the like P having dimensional differences on the basis of the rear ends in the taking-in direction thereof.

The stopper 111a advances from upward to the advanced position between the tip end regulating wall 79 and the rear end regulating wall 80 and stops the tip ends in the taking-in direction of sheets or the like P to be taken in, whose length in the taking-in direction of sheets or the like P is shorter than the maximum length. The stopper 111a is supported movably in the vertical direction with respect to the advancing and retreating mechanism by which the stopper 111a is caused to advance and retreat between the advanced position and the retreated position, and presses sheets or the like P in the downward direction. The stopper 111a that has advanced to the advanced position is changed over to a state where the stopper is brought into contact with the upper surface of the accumulated sheets or the like P in response to the length in the taking-in direction of the accumulated sheets or the like P and a state where it advances to the tip end side in the taking-in direction of the accumulated sheets P or the like. The stopper 111a stops

the tip ends in the taking-in direction of sheets or the like P having dimensional differences and accumulates sheets or the like P having dimensional differences on the basis of the rear ends in the taking-in direction thereof.